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Kimberly D. Bose  
Secretary  
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission  
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Washington, DC 20426

*RE: Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. - Docket Nos. ER19-2440, ER19-2441, ER19-2442, ER19-2444 and ER19-2474; Thermo Cogeneration Partnership, L.P., Docket No. ER19-2443 (not consolidated)*

Dear Ms. Bose:

*The Nebraska Rural Electric Association (NREA) is the private non-profit trade association for 34 rural electric systems that provide electric service to consumers in most of the rural areas and many of the small towns in the great State of Nebraska. Together, the more than 1,000 dedicated employees of our member-systems serve approximately 240,000 meters across more than 87,000 miles of line. Over the years, NREA's mission has evolved to include a broad range of activities to assist our member-systems as they face the many challenges of providing low-cost, reliable electric service to the sparsely populated regions of Nebraska.*

We support Tri-State Generation and Transmission Association, Inc. ("Tri-State") becoming FERC-jurisdictional and its related filings in the above-referenced proceedings on July 23, 2019 and July 26, 2019, with respect to its wholesale energy service contract with its members, rates, transmission-related agreements and filings, and its and its affiliate's market-based rate filings.

This letter of support is limited only to Tri-State going under the penumbra of FERC jurisdiction. We make no comment on substantive issues or matters that would be considered within any given docket.

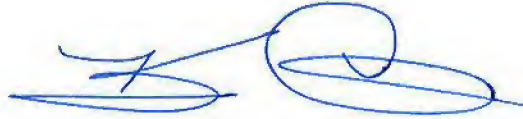
We believe it makes sense for Tri-State to be rate regulated by a single agency that has authority to consider the interests of all its members in four states, rather than individual state consideration. reflecting the needs of the members in that individual states.

In Colorado and New Mexico, the state's regulatory commissions had already asserted authority over Tri-State's rates and contracts, and the prospect of additional state rate regulation was increasing. By filing with FERC, Tri-State's regulatory treatment will be consistent with other

regional utilities and other generation and transmission cooperatives across the nation that operate in multiple states.

For the reasons stated above, we urge FERC to issue an order approving Tri-State's jurisdictional request from FERC.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kim Christiansen', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

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